

COLONIST AND CHRONICLE

Monday Morning, July 30, 1866.

Shipping Intelligence.

PORt OF VICTORIA, VANCOUVER ISLAND

ENTERED
July 28—Star Emily Harris, Frail, Nanaimo
Star Alexandra, Swan, New Westminster
Cleared
July 28—Star Fideliter, Esquimalt, Portland

BIRTHS.
In this City, Sunday, July 29th, 1866, the wife of
Thomas Wood, of a daughter.

Auction Sales To-day.

P. M. BACKUS...Wharf Street,...will sell at 11 o'clock, a.m., on the premises, Pandora street, opposite the American Consul, a fine lot of Furniture.

LAUNCH OF A STEAMER.—There is nothing particularly novel, but there is something peculiarly attractive in a launch. The announcement that Capt. Stamp's fine side wheel steamer, constructed by Mr. Trahey at his yard in Victoria west, was to be committed to her proper element on Saturday afternoon, at 4 o'clock, brought a large concourse of citizens to the spot, the fair sex being well represented. The scene on the shore as the workmen were engaged in removing the blocks, was animated and picturesque, while the smooth surface of the water was ruffed by a flotilla of small boats crammed to their utmost capacity with eagerly expectant spectators. Shortly after four o'clock, several ladies and a number of gentlemen, ascended the steamer for the purpose of accompanying her in her descent to the water, and had hardly taken their stand on deck, when the shipwrights below discovered that the shores were giving way, and the last "dogs" had therefore to be quickly knocked away so as to give the restles craft a chance to make her first marine plunge. The shout "she's off!" soon resounded from all sides and away glided the "Isabel" down the ways amidst the loud plaudits of the assemblage, re-echoed by those on board. So unexpected was her departure from terra firma, that the christening ceremony which was performed by Mrs. Shepherd, wife of J. G. Shepherd, Esq., had to be hurried through and there was barely time to observe the old custom of breaking a bottle of wine over the ship's bows. A jolly skipper, who was mounting the ladder resting against the ship's side at the time she moved away, was astounded to find himself suddenly launched to Mother earth. After the launch, the hand-some craft with her colors proudly fluttering in the breeze, was warped over to the Hudson Bay Company's wharf where she will receive her machinery, and a large number of ladies and gentlemen repaired by invitation of Capt. Stamp and Mr. Trahey, to the upper floor of a large building shed in Mr. Trahey's yard, where champagne and refreshments on a liberal scale were in readiness. Success to the "Isabel" was proposed by Mr. J. G. Shepherd and responded to with all the honors. Mr. R. Burnaby proposed Capt. Stamp's health, which was enthusiastically received and happily acknowledged with, "he's a jolly good fellow." Mr. J. W. Southgate proposed the health of the builder of the "Isabel," Mr. J. W. Trahey, and passed a high compliment on the construction of the vessel. The toast was also warmly received. The health of the ladies was proposed by Mr. Southgate and responded to by Messrs. C. B. Young and G. C. Wigham. Mr. Young proposed the health of the workmen, which was responded to by one of themselves, and Mr. Trahey made a capital speech awarding the credit due, to all of his workmen, the shipwrights, carpenters, joiners, blacksmiths, caulkers and painters, for their excellent workmanship. His remarks afforded the liveliest satisfaction to his employees. The "Isabel," so named after a daughter of the owner, is a remarkably handsome model and a most serviceable craft for any purpose, being in fact, almost too good to be engaged as a tug at the Burrard Inlet mill for which she was designed. She is constructed entirely in accordance with Lloyd's instructions, and is perhaps the most substantially built boat ever launched on the Pacific coast. Her frame is of natural crooks of Douglas pine, entirely free from sap. She is copper fastened throughout, and has iron hanging knees and iron diagonal hocks. Her keel is from one tree, without a scarf, and was cut at Burrard Inlet. She has also five keelsons, three of which contain solid pieces of lumber 90 feet long. Her outside planking runs in lengths of from 70 to 80 feet free from blemish, also from the Inlet, and is acknowledged to be the finest timber ever put into a vessel on this coast. The following are her dimensions: Length overall, 146 feet; extreme breadth, 24 feet; depth of hold, 9 feet 2 inches; estimated tonnage, 275 register. Her engines, which are 80 horse power, are of English manufacture, having been imported recently by the Eastern Chief.

CUTTING AND WOUNDING.—Jack, a Fort Rupert Indian, arrested by officer Tenniel, was charged on Saturday in the Police Court with cutting and wounding another Indian. The latter appeared in Court with a frightfully battered and mutilated physiognomy, and said that Jack had stabbed him in the mouth and cut him under the eye. Several Indians were examined, also a colored witness and the officer, and the Magistrate being satisfied, notwithstanding his protestations of innocence, that Jack was guilty, sentenced him to pay a fine of \$25 or suffer two months drill in the chain gang volunteer.

FROM NEW WESTMINSTER.—The steamer Alexandra arrived on Saturday at 12:30 p.m. from New Westminster, bringing about 50 passengers, among whom was the Hon. Jos. Trutch, and a river express in charge of Mr. Nelson. She brings no particular news. Returned Big-Benders do not give flattering accounts of those mines.

CUSTOM RECEIPTS for week ending Saturday, July 21st.—Duties \$2,000 85; harbor dues \$46 02; head money \$34 00; tonnage dues \$303 75; inland navigation licenses \$60; fees \$60. Total \$2,444 62. Number of passengers 34.—*Columbian*.

The steam yacht Leviathan with Administrator Birch and others on board, returned to New Westminster on Monday.

THE ATLANTIC CABLE.—A telegram says that the Great Eastern might reach Heart's Content, Newfoundland, on Friday last; it so the next despatches from the East ought surely to bring word of her arrival. In the meantime let every one prospers his message of congratulation to the old folks at home, the charge for transmission "from America to England will be only 85 per word."

FINE FRUIT.—This is certainly a great country for fruit. Mr. Wilson Brown yesterday showed us some magnificent specimens of cherries, gooseberries, and black currants raised in his own garden; the "enormous gooseberries" are of Welsh extraction; they may be seen in the shop window of Mr. A. W. Piper on Government street.

ROCK CREEK.—We learn from a passenger by the Alexandra on Saturday, who has visited the above creek, that only about white men are mining there, the rest being Chinamen. Nothing but Chinaman's wages are made in that section.

ROUND THE CORNER (FORMERLY EMMARDT'S SALOON) Langley Street, will be opened this (Saturday) evening, July 28th, at 8 o'clock, by Jacob Herkimer, who will be happy to see all his friends.

ON FIRE.—The grass and oak groves at Beacon Hill were on fire yesterday and several acres were burned over. The fire was set by mischievous boys.

THE steamship California left San Francisco at noon on Saturday for this port, and will be here about Wednesday night or Thursday morning.

Sudden Death.—A Mrs. Harmon died suddenly at James Bay bridge, on Friday night last, of heart disease, and was buried yesterday.

We are requested to state that Mr. D. Lindsay, Accountant and Official Assignee in Bankruptcy, will remove to-day to Stamp's New Building on Government street.

FOR PORTLAND, OREGON.—The steamer Fideliter, Capt. Erskine, sailed for Portland on Saturday, with 30 passengers and a fair freight,

The Canyon Creek Diggings.

(From the Columbian.)

We are indebted to the politeness of the Hon. H. M. Ball, Acting Colonial Secretary, for the following report from W. R. Spalding, Esq., with the accompanying letter from Mr. Charles Waldron, who has just returned from a prospecting tour on Canyon Creek, in the Cariboo country. According to Mr. Waldron's statement, which is no doubt thoroughly reliable, the newly discovered diggings on Canyon Creek promise to be second to none yet discovered in that highly auriferous region of country. We have much pleasure in laying these documents in extenso before our readers:

Mr. Spalding to the Acting Colonial Secretary:

QUESNEL, July 18th, 1866.

SIR.—I have the honor to report for the information of His Honor the Officer Administering the Government that Mr. Charles Waldron, of Soda Creek, who left here on the 21st ult., with a party of six men, for the purpose of further prospecting the late gold discoveries in the neighborhood of Canyon Creek, has returned to this place to-day, and that his report to me as to the richness and extent of the country over which he has prospected, is most satisfactory, and has, I think, placed it beyond all doubt that these new diggings will, when worked, prove of equal value to any that have hitherto been discovered in this Colony.

I enclose for His Honor's consideration Mr. Waldron's letter to me on the subject, and would suggest that it should be made public, as it may have a most beneficial effect in inducing miners to make their way to the locality named as speedily as possible.

It is the intention of Mr. G. B. Wright, who is present here, that the steamer Enterprise shall ply between the mouth of Cottonwood River and freight will warrant it.

I have, &c.,
W. R. SPALDING.

Mr. Waldron to Mr. Spalding, J. P.

QUESNEL, July 17th, 1866.

SIR.—I beg to make you the following report of the proceedings of our party of five men.

We left this place on the 21st of June and reached Hixon's Creek on the 26th inst. Our course we found it necessary to take the first place to saw lumber for staves, and to construct a ditch to bring water on our claim. Owing to the scarcity of all kinds of tools, the latter work occupied us ten days, although only one fourth of a mile in length. The original ditch made by Mr. Hixon's party had, in his absence, become completely filled. Owing to the presence of snow and ice on the ground we found it almost impossible to keep our new ditch in order, and having left the water running during one night in a break which occurred, I found in the morning prospects of \$1.00 to \$1.25 to the pan.

We therefore commenced work in that spot and in a space of ground about 10 feet by 2½ feet, in less than a day's work we washed out \$76.

The other work which we had done had yielded well, and our whole results amounted to \$270.

Estimating the actual number of days work to realize that, we found our pay had amounted to \$77 per day per man. Under favorable circumstances and with hydraulic pipes, with our present prospects, I think the ground will pay fifty dollars a day to the man. When I left, the "face" of our claim was about 6 feet high, and paid from the surface down.

The "Blue Lead Co." of seven men, under the management of Mr. Shepherd, joining us on the upper side, have not yet commenced washing. Their drift prospects from three to five bits to the pan. They are bringing in their drift twenty feet higher than ours, and will probably have it completed in about 8 days.

The "Go-ahead Co." are about half a mile above the Blue Lead Co., and have struck a prospect of four bits to the pan on slate bed rock. Up to this company the whole of the bad-rock consists of a rather soft sandstone, and it is my opinion that it is not solid, but that a second layer of gravel will be found beneath it.

These are all the companies at present located.

Specimens of gold-bearing quartz are to be met with on all sides. We have a few specimens with us in which the gold is visible in every part. Several of the veins are apparently well defined, and will in my opinion eventually form the most promising result. For FOUR YEARS not a single severe case of Cholic, Summer Complaint, or Dysentery, but has yielded like magic to the curative powers of the "Pain killer," and for Cuts, Bruises, etc., it is in almost daily use, and with like good effects.

JOHN TANNER, Foreman of Wrighton & Co.'s Printing Establishment, Cincinnati, Ohio. Sold by Druggists and all Dealers in Family Medicines.

Blue Ridge of the Cariboo mountains, is about 26 miles in length, and has a very great fall. It will, if gold bearing through, afford employment for several thousand men.

The mouth of the Cottonwood River is the terminus of steam navigation from Soda Creek.

In conclusion I can only say that I have the utmost confidence in the prospects of the creek. The developments of the present season will, I hope, prove that I am not too sanguine.

I have &c.,
(Signed,) CHAS WALDRON.

Canadian Patriotic.

OTTAWA (C. W.) June 8th—Parliament opened to-day. The following is a synopsis of the Governor's speech as to the Fenians:

After alluding to the new Capital building in an appropriate manner, he speaks of the termination of the reciprocity treaty, and says the papers relative thereto will be laid before the House; that it is imperative to find new markets for the products of the country; that a deputation representing British North America was sent during the past winter to the West Indies, Brazil, etc., to ascertain the best means of extending their commercial relations, and a report will be made in due time. Allusion is made to the Fenian movement as follows: "The threats and preparations for attack upon Canada constantly and openly made by a body of organized men in the United States of America, known as Fenians, compelled me since the last Parliament, and by the advice of my Ministers, to call out for active service a large portion of the volunteer forces of the Provinces. The spirit displayed by the people in ready response to the proclamation has received the merited approval of Her Majesty's Government. Events which have occurred the last few days afford continued proofs of the necessity for the precautionary measures adopted. The Province has been invaded by a lawless band of marauders, but I congratulate the country that they were promptly confronted within twenty-four hours and compelled to make a precipitate retreat. I deplore the loss of life and sufferings entailed upon the gallant body of Canadian volunteers in the engagements which took place in repelling so promptly the invaders who attacked the country, and I feel sure you will not omit to alleviate, so far as may be in your power, the injuries so wantonly inflicted upon many families. But, while I grieve at individual loss, I congratulate the country that the first note of danger has shown that Canada possesses in her volunteers a body of men ready to peril their lives in defense of Queen and country. The entire people have been thoroughly aroused by the recent occurrences and it now appears to all that the whole resources of the country, both in men and arms, will at any moment be cheerfully given in repelling any invasion of their homes. In the measures of defense which I have been called upon to take, I have received unremitting support from the Lieutenant General commanding and Admiral Hope. It is also a source of unfeigned pleasure to acknowledge the gallant devotion displayed by the officers and men of Her Majesty's military and naval forces in Canada, i am happy to be enabled to state that the President of the United States has issued a proclamation declaring that serious infractions of the laws of that country have been and are being committed by evil-disposed persons within the territory and jurisdiction of the United States against the British possessions of North America, and requiring all officers of his Government to exert every effort for their repression. I trust the course thus adopted will end long prevent this country from being subjected to further attacks from citizens of a nation on terms of amity with Great Britain. The maintenance of a force on active duty, which the government was compelled to call out, has involved the expenditure of large amounts not provided for by any vote at the last session. The accounts of this expenditure will be laid before the House, and I feel confident you will immediately pass a bill indemnifying the Government for this unavoidable expenditure from the provisions of the auditing account. The recent occurrences show the necessity of extending to Lower Canada the Act to protect the inhabitants of that section of the Province against lawless aggressions from subjects of foreign countries at peace with her Majesty's Government. 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